

**CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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A regular meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 7, 1998 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 No. Carson St., Carson City, NV at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Mark Kimbrough  
Claire Clift  
David Johnson  
Bill Piccolo  
Barbara Wright  
Charles Zimmerman

**STAFF:** Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director  
Juan Guzman, Senior Planner  
Vern Krahn, Park Planner  
Fran Smith, Recording Secretary  
(CRA 1/7/98 1-0000.5)

**NOTE** - Unless otherwise indicated each item was introduced by Chairperson Kimbrough. Individuals speaking are identified following the heading of each item. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

**A. CALL TO ORDER** - Chairperson Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present although Member Battaglia was absent because of illness.

**B. COMMITTEE ACTION**

**B-1 Approval of Meeting Minutes** - Member Johnson moved to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 1997 meeting. Member Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

**D. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** - None.

**E. DISCLOSURES** - None.

**AWARD PRESENTATION** - Chairperson Kimbrough presented certificates of appreciation to Pat Sollberger of State Fisheries, Pat Williams OF BIA, and Dan Kaffer, Resource Conservation Coordinator for all their help working with the Committee on their projects.

**G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION)**

**G-3 STATUS REPORT REGARDING ACTIVITIES ALONG THE UPPER AND LOWER CARSON RIVER** - (1-0125.5) Mr. Kaffer said they had requested and received \$4,000,000+ for the emergency watershed program and that there are projects underway in Lyon and Douglas Counties. He noted that most of the projects in Carson City were done in areas like Ash Canyon plus the work on the river. He added that they also worked with FEMA on work at Mexican Dam. He then talked about the success of the Carson River Work Day saying they had 550 people from five counties working to plant trees, releasing fish, and cleaned up garbage. He also commented that the Boy Scouts had indicated a desire to help with planting, erosion control, etc. in an effort to earn their Eagle badges. He then said Senate Bill #190 provides \$125,000 each year for restoration on the Carson, Truckee and Walker Rivers. He talked about a meeting to be held January 28 in Gardnerville at the Extension office with members of each planning group working on the river. He said the goals and missions of each group will be discussed to see if a united vision for the Carson River watershed can be put together. He also noted that on April 6 there will be a Carson River conference at the Ormsby House and anticipates 200-300 people will attend.

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There will be speakers on flood plain management, bank stabilization, community process continuation, etc. He also said Senators Reid and Bryan have committed to attend and that County Commissioners have also been invited. He said he had spoken to Chairperson Kimbrough about it and also invited the other Members to participate. Member Clift asked what the AB #190 funding was for. Mr. Kaffer said this was specifically for work on navigable streams in the state which includes the Truckee, Carson and Colorado rivers. No formal action was taken.

**F-2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED LETTER TO THE NEVADA STATE PRISON AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-0387.5)** George Grigas, Warden - Chairperson Kimbrough said Warden Grigas and Lt. Budge had met he, Mr. Kaffer, and Walt Mandeville of the Division of Wildlife at the prison. They had toured the area and had discussed some agricultural changes along the river and that the prison people were willing to work with the Committee. He said Mr. Grigas had suggested he draft some alternatives which he had done. However, he said he wanted to discuss it with the Committee before he sent the letter. At this point he expressed his hope that he could get somebody to help him work on the document. He said the three issues they had discussed during their tour were the cattle operation, security problems, and public access. However, he noted that the first two had to be resolved before any consideration can be given to public access. Mr. Grigas said the Committee's approach was well thought on in a sequential and logical manner. He added he did not have sole authority to grant any of this but he was more than happy to be the facilitator in bringing it to the proper party. He also said he had talked to Robert Bayer, the Director of Prisons, who had reaffirmed he should take the information from the Committee and bring it forward. He encouraged the Committee to include their objectives in their presentation and said he would assist them in the process. Chairperson Kimbrough asked who would be the person to talk to regarding security and Mr. Grigas said it would be Lt. Budge. Mr. Grigas said from his personal perspective regarding security that signage and fencing are important. Member Zimmerman said he would help Chairperson Kimbrough with putting the letter together. No formal action was taken.

**F-3 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF COMMITTEE GOALS, MISSION STATEMENT, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO - (1-0709.5)** Member Zimmerman suggested delaying discussion on this until after the January 28 meeting discussed earlier. The discussion turned to how many Members could attend and would the open meeting law requirements need to be abided by and Chairperson Kimbrough said it was merely an informational meeting. At this point Mr. Sullivan introduced Melanie Bruketta of the District Attorney's

office. She said she had been assigned to Committees and Commissions and would be available to respond to any legal questions they might have. Chairperson Kimbrough said there would probably be some agenda items where the Committee would like to have her at meetings. She also said the Committee would need to make a motion on the suggestion that discussion on the goals, mission statement, etc. be delayed. Member Johnson moved to delay discussion on the goals and mission statement until after the January 28 meeting in Gardnerville. Members Zimmerman and Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**F-1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN - (1-0823.5)** Chairperson Kimbrough referred to a previous meeting where he had agreed to serve as Chairperson only until elections in January. He noted that Member Battaglia had indicated an interest in serving but was not at the meeting because she was sick. Member Johnson then moved to defer this until the next meeting. Member Clift seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**F-2 Continued - (1-0851.5)** Chairperson Kimbrough went back to this item and Member Clift said she would also like to volunteer to work on the presentation to the prison people. Chairperson Kimbrough said he would like to take care of this as soon as possible and they agreed to meet at a pre-arranged location on January 13 and proceed to the prison. Member Piccolo said he would also like to participate. Mr. Kastens reminded the Committee that they would need to agendize this as a subcommittee unless it was a task force of volunteers not acting on direction of the Committee.

**G. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (NON-ACTION)**

**G-1 Committee Member Comments** - (1-0969.5) Member Clift said she had completed the application for the stewardship grant and had submitted it. She provided copies for the Members.

(1-0981.5) Chairperson Kimbrough said he had received a fax copy of the agenda for the Planning Commission meeting being held today. He noted there were three items on it relating to changing of zoning on some properties on the river. Mr. Sullivan explained that the Planning Commission would approve the change in that the lands under City control are now zoned Public and the lands under private control are zoned Agriculture and that this was on that agenda to take care of the changes.

**G-2 Staff Comments**

**1. Report Regarding Contact with Property Owners on Construction of a Trail Along the Western Boundary of Land Recently Acquired by Carson City as Open Space; Located East of the Empire Ranch Golf Course, and Other Matters Related Thereto** - (1-1151.5) Mr. Kastens said he had met with Dwight Millard and they had walked the length of the line and had discussed the concerns of this Committee and the previous Members. He felt at this point there do not appear to be any major stumbling blocks. He added this had not been put on the agenda because no action has been finalized as yet. He noted when they do have a plan of action he will bring it back to the Committee for their consideration. He then provided a history of how the trail had come to be cut. Discussion ensued that it was also not to specifications. They then talked at length about the dike to the east of the golf course during which Mr. Kastens provided a history of the flood damage and remedial actions that need to be taken by Mr. Millard. He said he would submit a letter to Mr. Millard on this.

**2. Discussion of the Committee's Involvement of Silver Saddle Ranch** - (1-1459.5) Mr. Krahn provided some packets of information on work he and Tom Abbett of BLM had been doing. He said they were trying to get a task force together to meet on January 24 with the Committee at the BLM office. He said one discussion would be a review of information BLM has researched on the property. He also noted there would be a walk of the Silver Saddle property to make sure the Committee is familiar with it and also become aware of the boundaries. He then said on February 11 the task force would be assembled to start the planning process. He added that BLM is planning a three day trip to the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation area. This is to see what is being done there and to give the Committee an example of property on a river. He said they would meet again on February 25 to finalize the alternatives after which they would present them to the Committee at their March 4 meeting.

**G-4 Status Report Regarding Bureau of Land Management Trails Grant and Draft Trailhead Plan** - (1-1635.5) Chairperson Kimbrough noted that Tom Abbett of BLM needs to be present at a meeting to discuss this and continued it until the next meeting.

**G-5 Future Agenda Items for the Next CRAC Meeting on February 4, 1998** - (1-1709.5) Chairperson Kimbrough expressed his hope that the draft of the prison letter would be ready for Committee consideration at that time.

Mr. Kastens said he also hoped to have something to report on the Empire Ranch Golf Course.

The Committee will elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at that meeting.

Member Clift said she would like to discuss and prioritize projects along the river at a future meeting.

Member Johnson asked about possible funding assistance in cleaning up flood damage and asked that this be agendized for a discussion. Chairperson Kimbrough suggested he talk to Pete Anderson at NDF about this.

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Chairperson Kimbrough also noted there is a review of the rim trail plan each year and said that could be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**H. ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business Chairperson Kimbrough entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Wright moved to adjourn. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Kimbrough adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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ARE SO APPROVED \_\_2/4\_\_\_\_, 1998

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Kimbrough, Chairperson